



**REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020
7:00 PM**

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REVISED AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Council Clerk Reads the *Call of the Meeting* and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting
- 2. Emergency Resolution:**
 - A. Approving that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the several directives and restrictions set forth in the several Executive Orders issued by the Hon. Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, the Common Council waives the following *Rules of Procedures* during the pendency of this crisis; namely (1) rather than holding a Common Council special meeting called "Questions to Directors Workshop" immediately prior to its regular meeting, a Questions to Directors opportunity will be available to Councilmembers after any appropriation, resolution, or ordinance has been moved and seconded during the regular meeting; (2) rather than televising meetings, Common Council meetings shall be livestreamed via an electronic platform; and (3) in lieu of live public comment on agenda items during the regular meeting, public comments may be submitted via email no later than one (1) hour prior to the regular Common Council meeting at Council@MiddletownCT.gov.
- 3. Accept/Amend the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting (Questions to Directors) of March 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM**
- 5. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM**
- 6. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting (Presentation By, and Discussion With, Mayor Benjamin Florsheim and Connecticut State Department of Transportation RE: Arrigoni Bridge Project to Commence Spring, 2020) of March 11, 2020 at 5:30 PM**

7. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance

- A. Public Works: \$65,000 -- Acct. No. 1000-27000-xxxxx-xxxx; appropriation for Landmark Architects to provide proposal for architectural and engineering services for Woodrow Wilson Recreation & Community Center

8. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval

- A. City Clerk's Certificate
- B. Monthly Reports -- Finance Department: Transfer Report to March 23, 2020
- C. Grant Confirmation & Approval -- Board of Education -- miscellaneous grants: \$2,339,768.28

9. Payment of all City bills when properly approved

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

- A. Approving the Arts & Culture Office request that \$58,500 of the Art Support Services Grant (FY19/20) be allocated as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater	\$12,000
The Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts Center, Inc.	\$15,000
The Greater Middletown Chorale, Inc.	\$11,000
Greater Middletown Concert Association, Inc.	\$10,000
Center for Creative Youth	\$5,465
Resonant Motion, Inc.	\$2,535
Connecticut Ballet	\$2,500
TOTAL	<u>\$58,500</u>

and that any agency receiving an Arts & Culture Office grant award must comply with the City's matching fund ordinance.

- B. Approving that the City enter into a 5-year lease agreement with FIDELUX LIGHTING, LLC to lease approximately 23,500 sq. ft. of space at 180 Johnson Street, Middletown, CT to be used for Office and Manufacturing Space; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary, subject to review by the Office of General Counsel as to form and content.
- C. ORDINANCE: Approving revisions to Chapter 214 ("Parks, Facilities, and Recreational Areas"), Article III ("General Regulations"), Section 214-21 ("Designation of Picnic Areas"), increasing the picnic user daily fee and modifying guidelines, including winter season closure.
- D. Approving that Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim be authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Connecticut for a grant in the amount of \$28,000.00 in Local Capital Projects Improvement Program (LoCIP) funds, for the cost of the work to install a new fire and alarm system at the Greater Middletown Military Museum, which will include a combination of a fire alarm system, radio box system, and security system, all components to be a continuous monitoring system and wired to the City of Middletown Local Dispatch call center; and that a new line item be created in the Capital Improvement Plan entitled "Military Museum Fire & Alarm System Upgrade" in the amount of \$28,000.00.

- E. Approving submission of the ED049 grant application to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for replacement of underground heating oil tanks at Moody Elementary School and Macdonough Elementary School, including the work costs as revised by the consultant since the Common Council's adoption of Resolution No. 64-18.
- F. Approving the City of Middletown Common Council's requests that the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) suspend work on the St. John's Square Project (Project No. 0082-3020) until such time as DOT meets with a Committee of City of Middletown leaders, provides results of traffic and pedestrian studies, and considers alternatives to the changes as currently proposed.
- G. Approving that the City of Middletown will participate in the Deferment Program created in Executive Order #7S, as amended, as follows: (1) From March 10, 2020 through and including July 1, 2020, all taxes on real property, personal property, motor vehicles, sanitation, municipal water, sewer and electric rates, charges or assessment shall be deferred by ninety (90) days from the date that such tax became due and payable; (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, financial institutions and mortgage servicers that hold property tax payments in escrow on behalf of a borrower shall continue to remit property taxes to the City of Middletown, so long as the borrower remains current on their mortgage or is in a forbearance or deferment program, irrespective of the borrower's eligibility for or participation in the Deferment Program; and be it further resolved that the Mayor shall be authorized to notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management no later than April 25, 2020, of the City of Middletown's participation in the Deferment Program.

- 11. **Mayor's Appointments**
- 12. **Mayor's Update on FY 2020-2021 Budget Process**
- 13. **Meeting Adjournment**